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1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE DATED 12 JULY TO
DR. E. E. SEROECHKOVSKY, CENTRAL LABORATORY OF NATURE CON-
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USSR MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
MOSCOW, USSR

DEAR EVGENY EVGENEEVICH:

I WOULD LIKE TO SUMMARIZE OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE TELEPHONE
CONVERSATION BETWEEN LUDMILLA BOLSHOVA OF YOUR STAFF AND

RAISA SCRABINE OF THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE 6 JULY.

02.05-2101 TUNDRA AND TAIGA ECOSYSTEMS

VISIT BY TWO SOVIET SPECIALISTS FOR JOINT FLORISTIC STUDIES WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE END OF AUGUST. WE UNDERSTAND DR. B. YURTSEV AND DR. A. KHOKHRIAKOV WILL BE COMING BUT NEED TO KNOW EXACT DATES OF ARRIVAL. WE HOPE THAT DR. PUGACHEV WILL BE ABLE TO VISIT ALASKA FOR ONE MONTH TO STUDY SOIL PROCESSES IN TAIGA ECOSYSTEMS. THREE US SPECIALISTS ARE SCHEDULED TO VISIT USSR FOR ONE-TWO MONTHS TO STUDY TUNDRA ECOSYSTEMS. THE US SIDE WISHES TO SEND TEAM OF TWO/THREE BOTANISTS-ECOLOGISTS TO THE YAMAL PENINSULA IN EARLY SEPTEMBER FOR 15-20 DAYS. PLEASE INDICATE IF THEY CAN BE RECEIVED AND WHAT TIME FRAME IS CONVENIENT.

US SIDE IS READY TO RECEIVE DR. URIVAEV, KUZNETSOV, AND IPATIEVA IN ALASKA FOR WATER BASIN STUDIES. DR. CHARLES SLAUGHTER INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE MOST CONVENIENT IN ORGANIZING VISIT IF SOVIET TEAM CAN ARRIVE IN THE US ON AUGUST 9. VISIT WITH DR. MICHAEL BILLELO AT THE COLD REGIONS RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING LABORATORY AT HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE COULD BE PLANNED FOR AUGUST 10-12. WORK IN THE FAIRBANKS AREA COULD BEGIN FROM THE 14TH OF AUGUST AND LAST THROUGH 28TH. SOVIET SPECIALISTS COULD DEPART US VIA WASHINGTON, D.C. ON 30 AUGUST. PLEASE INDICATE IF SUCH AN ITINERARY WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

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MCLEAN, PIPER AND KUKAL WERE TO HAVE ARRIVED IN USSR 7 JULY ON TUNDRA ECOSYSTEMS STUDIES. SOVIET SIDE POSTPONED VISIT TILL 28TH JULY. US SIDE CANNOT ARRIVE 28 JULY AND WISHES TO ARRIVE IN KHBABOROVSK 5 AUGUST. KUKAL WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE TRIP. MCLEAN WISHES TO REMAIN THREE WEEKS, PIPER FOR 4-5 WEEKS. IF POSSIBLE, BOTH WISH TO RETURN TO US VIA MOSCOW. IN ADDITION, MCLEAN WISHES TO VISIT LABORATORY OF GEOBOTANY AT KHOMAROV INSTITUTE IN LENINGRAD. PLEASE FACILITATE ISSUANCE OF VISAS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO COVER LENINGRAD, MOSCOW, MAGADAN, KHBABOVSK AND CHAUN.

3.

02.05-2103 DISEASES AND PARASITES

US SIDE UNDERSTANDS THAT SOVIET COMBINED DELEGATION (02.05-2103 AND 02.05-2104) WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VISIT US IN JULY FOR REINDEER DISEASE AND ECOLOGY STUDY DUE TO ILLNESS OF TEAM LEADER, SAVVA USPENSKY. SOVIET SIDE INDICATED WISH TO TRANSFER VISIT TO SECOND HALF OF SEPTEMBER. REGRETFULLY, US SIDE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RECEIVE SOVIET SPECIALISTS AT THAT TIME. US HOSTS WILL BE IN FIELD EXPEDITION IN MID-SEPTEMBER. THIS VISIT SHOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL L1978.

DR. ROBERT RAUSCH, DR. VIRGINIA RAUSCH AND DR. KENNETH

NEILAND PLAN TO ARRIVE IN KHABAROVSK 28 JULY AND REMAIN UNTIL 23 AUGUST TO STUDY RODENT AND BIG GAME PARASITES. THEY NEED IMMEDIATE VISA CONFIRMATION FOR KHABAROVSK, MAGADAN, TAIGONOS PENINSULA, AND PEVEK.

4.

02.05-2104 ECOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT OF UNGULATES
US SIDE IS PLEASED THAT OCTOBER DATE FOR VISIT OF REINDEER HUSBANDRY TEAM TO THE USSR IS ACCEPTABLE. A COMBINED TEAM OF 6 SPECIALISTS AND ESKIMOS WILL PLAN VISIT TO NOVILSK AND YAKUTSK IN OCTOBER. NAMES AND PROPOSED DATES OF TRAVEL WILL BE FORWARDED AT A LATER DATE. PLEASE FORWARD UNCLASSIFIED

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ITINERARY PROPOSED FOR US TEAM VISIT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5.

02.05-2105 PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION
US SIDE UNDERSTANDS THAT THE SOVIET TEAM SCHEDULED TO VISIT THE US TO STUDY PERMAFROST RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS CAUSED BY PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VISIT US UNTIL NOVEMBER. THIS TIME FRAME IS ACCEPTABLE PLEASE FORWARD SOVIET PROPOSALS REGARDING DELEGATION VISIT TO THE US. THESE, AS INDICATED IN THE MEMORANDUM OF THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE, WERE TO HAVE BEEN TRANSMITTED TO THE US SIDE IN DECEMBER, 1976. OSCAR FERRIANS NEEDS AT LEAST 2 MONTHS PRIOR NOTICE OF SOVIET VISIT FOR PLANNING PURPOSES. US SIDE WILL ACCEPT DELEGATION OF FOUR SOVIET SPECIALISTS. US SIDE EXPECTS DR. GRAVE TO ARRIVE IN US ON 4TH SEPTEMBER FOR 35 DAYS TO CONTINUE COMPUTER DATA AND MODELLING METHOD EXCHANGES IN CONNECTION WITH HEAT TRANSFER PROCESSES WITH DR. SAMUEL OUTCALT, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN. IT WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIREABLE TO HAVE DR. PAVLOV OR DR. TISHIN TO ACCOMPANY DR. GRAVE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AT THIS TIME IN ORDER TO GAIN MAXIMUM POSSIBLE MUTUAL BENEFIT FROM THIS EXCHANGE. GRAVE ITINERARY WILL INCLUDE HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE; ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN; FAIRBANKS, ALASKA; AND ANCHORAGE, ALASKA.

6.

02.05-2106 EFFECTS OF WILDFIRES AND LOGGING
SINCE WORK GROUP MEETING ON PROJECT 02.05-21 WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE CLOSE TO THE SEPTEMBER 19TH NORTHERN FORESTRY SYMPOSIUM AT WHICH DR. SCHERBAKOV WILL BE PRESENTING A PAPER, IT IS BEST FOR SHCHERBAKOV TO ARRIVE IN US ON OR AROUND 14TH SEPTEMBER WITH WORK GROUP TEAM. WORK GROUP MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN FAIRBANKS 15-19 SEPTEMBER. WORK GROUP WILL THEN PROCEED TO ANCHORAGE AND JUNEAU, UNCLASSIFIED

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SHCHERBAKOV WILL REMAIN IN FAIRBANKS FOR NORTHERN FORESTRY SYMPOSIUM. WORK GROUP SHOULD PLAN FOR US STAY OF UP TO 10 DAYS. R.O. SKOOG. VANCE

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